the bomb blasts in Delhi on 29th October, 2005, it was revealed that the conspiracy for the explosions was hatched by a foreign-based terrorist organization. Further investigation in the case is in progress.

(b) and (c) Cross border terrorism and external linkages of terrorists groups do figure during talks/discussions with Pakistani authorities.

(d) In order to curb terrorist activities, the Government has taken several measures which include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment for security forces both at the Centre and in the State neutralizing plans of terrorist/anti-national elements by well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, the steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral/multi-lateral cooperation to deal with the menace of terrorism, given its global dimensions.

The steps taken by Delhi Police to check terrorist activities include barricading and carrying out special check at the entry point of markets; checking of abandoned vehicles; checking and briefing of the staff of cyber cafe especially in market areas; briefing of manager and staff of hotels/guest houses to keep full details of guests and their luggage and number of vehicles by which they arrive to ensure installation of closed circuit television cameras at the entrance of the hotels; verification of tenants; briefing of auto dealers to keep full details of buyers of second hand vehicles; regular checking of STD/ISD/PCO booth owners/operators; checking of cellular phone and sim card vendors; checking of auto-stands and taxi-stands, meeting with Market Welfare Associations and Resident Welfare Associations; briefing of Metro Rail workers/staff; sensitization of security personnel of high rise buildings, Government buildings, regular checking of sympathizers who have given shelter to the militants in the past and militants released on bail from jail etc.

Damage to fencing at Indo-Bangla border

2360. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the fencing erected along the Indo-Bangladesh border has been washed away in the floods;

(b) whether an inspection has been carried out to assess the damage to the pillars and the barbed wire;

(c) whether it is also a fact that illegal immigrants from Bangladesh are swimming under the raised fencing and infiltrating into India; and

(d) what steps Government propose to stop such infiltration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) 365 Kms. of fencing out of 854 Kms. erected under Phase-I has been damaged due to various reasons like water logging and floods etc. Inspection of border fence and border pillars in carried out regularly to assess the damage to pillars and the barbed wire. Sometimes, attempts are made by criminals and illegal infiltrators to cross the fencing either by negotiating or by breaching the same or by crossing through the water channels. However, following steps have been taken by BSF to prevent illegal migration from Bangladesh:

(i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by carrying out patrolling (on foot, by boats and vehicles), laying nakes (border ambushes) and by deploying observation posts all along the international border.

(ii) Upgradation of intelligence network of BSF and coordination with sister intelligence agencies;

(iii) Introduction of modern surveillance equipment including night vision devices.

(iv) Construction of fencing and roads along the international border.

(v) Government have sanctioned 3656 posts in various ranks under Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners (PIF)/Mobile Task Force (MTF) to check illegal infiltration from across the border.

Families living near the barbed wire fencing in Indian territory

2361. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the population falling beyond the barbed wire fencing in the Indian territory in the State of Tripura along the international border;